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### **Swimming Pool Test Results**

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department has been notified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the swimming pool test results on five Lawrence pools taken in late August. Test results on one of the three samples taken from the Colony Woods Apartment pool was positive for *Cryptosporidium*. Samples tested at four other pools, the City of Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center, City of Lawrence Outdoor Aquatic Center, Kansas University and Lawrence Athletic Club were below detection levels for *Cryptosporidium*. The pools at Colony Woods Apartments and Lawrence Athletic Club had not been hyperchlorinated according to CDC protocol prior to sampling while the other three pools had been.

None of the laboratory-confirmed cases of *Cryptosporidium* in Douglas County have been linked to the Colony Woods pool. However, as a precautionary measure, the Health Department is requiring hyperchlorination of the pool. The Health Department continues to urge swimmers not to swim when ill with diarrhea or for two weeks after the end of diarrhea. Swimmers also should not swallow pool water and practice good hygiene such as taking a shower before swimming.